

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1337 - SB 1302

February 17, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Children's Services (DCS) to develop instructional guidelines in conjunction with the State Board of Education, Board of Medical Examiners, Board of Osteopathic Examination, Board of Nursing, and Board of Social Worker Licensure for child safety training programs for members of professions that frequently deal with children who may be at risk of abuse. Requires, after July 1, 2018, a professional seeking a license renewal from one of these boards to complete a child safety training program prior to the board granting the professional a renewal.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$670,500/FY17-18
\$644,700/FY18-19 and Subsequent Years**

Assumptions:

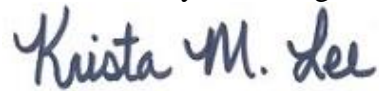
- Based on information provided by the Department of Health (DOH), boards do not currently create training programs and would need to hire six new positions to implement the requirements of the proposed legislation: one new Training Director with the expertise to produce professional training for approximately 87,500 professionals who would be required to complete the required child safety training, three Administrative Services Assistant 2 positions would be needed to process and verify that approximately 7,300 professionals per month completed the training program. An Attorney 4 position and a Legal Assistant would be required to handle the anticipated increase in cases resulting from violations of professionals not completing the appropriate training.
- The one-time increase in state expenditures associated with additional positions is estimated to be \$25,800 (\$9,600 computer setup + \$16,200 office furniture).
- The recurring increase in state expenditures associated with the additional positions is estimated to be \$400,973 (\$297,978 salaries + \$90,995 benefits + \$8,400 communications + \$3,600 supplies).
- The child safety training programs will be provided electronically with an annual cost of \$243,750 [\$25,000 annual licensing fee + (\$2.50 per training x 87,500 training programs)].
- The total increase in state expenditures in FY17-18 is estimated to be \$670,523 (\$25,800 + \$400,973 + \$243,750).

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- The total recurring increase in state expenditures in FY18-19 and subsequent years is estimated to be \$644,723 (\$400,973 + \$243,750).
- Based on information provided by the Department of Children's Services, developing instructional guidelines and implementing the child safety trainings can be performed within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- The State Board of Education can accommodate the requirements of the proposed legislation within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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